

Bank Street
Saturday Morn'g.

Can it be, my dear Doctor, that I have misunderstood
your meaning as to the two bundles of Gram. & Hyp.
recently turned up? You say "I will send them on
to you the coming week, if you do not forbid" - or, as
I supposed, unless I wrote to the contrary; but as the
week has now elapsed, & they are not at hand, I write
to say, in the celebrated phrase of the old Lord-Mayor-
let 'em come - I am not afraid of them - However,
please lose no time in despatching them, as my
Partner is growing impatient & has sent me another
Summons to Buffo - I had your Collectⁿ all ready
for packing, last Thursday, but now wait to incorpo-
rate the remainder - as to leaving them here until
my return from Buff. I would not do it, on any
account - It would make me miserable, & I should,
in my dreams, see them burning - As it is, every
time I hear the fire bell, at night, I think of your
treasures, with anxiety, & wish them safe at home.
By the way, I learn, to my dismayance, that I
cannot consign them to you, by the "Freight line"
all the way to Cambridge (at least Mr. W. F. Cary tells

me he thinks it would not be safe to do so) & that they had better be received by some one, at Boston. Please, therefore, send me the name & address of your friend there (which I have forgotten) to whom I may consign the Boxes - I am very sorry that I cannot save you all further trouble, in the matter, but as it is, I suppose your Butcher friend, will "do the needful" in the matter of transporting them.

I shall, of course, attend to your wishes, with much pleasure, when at Buffo. - Many thanks to Mr. Sullivan - You will, of course, name Goffine St. to him, as my address. I would not like his Contributions to be sent to Buffo.

Really our friend E. J. is a narrow-minded fellow. All his specimens (which you last sent on) have some remarks annexed, intended to impress a sense of value & obligation on the recipient - They are labelled - "fine" - "Opt." - "good fruit" &c. &c. in a way I never saw before. Well, do you know, that in a recent letter, from Dewey, I am informed as follows:

"I have just rec'd. a letter from E. J. & I see he intends to send plants to you. He is a fine fellow & a clever Botanist. I enjoy his Correspondence greatly." Now this worthy gentleman, who thus chronicles his own liberality, is the only one of those who have addressed me, whose propositions (to be realized in 3 years!) are really of no value! How consistent are the phrases of hum an Character - The warm-hearted & generous act, & say nothing about it. Others, like our friend, do nothing, & vaunt themselves in the achievement.

I quote further from Dewey, as follows, "What a splendid work Dr. Gray has made the 2nd edn. of his Bot. Text Book. It is a noble monument to his reputation" - !! Bene-o-time I read to "Gily" the part of yr. letter about Chapman's (parcel?) & he promised to look into the matter - I have not since called to learn the result - I am glad of what you write about *Cent. rhomb.* - It will now go straight, no doubt - *Cent. rhomb.* In the larger plants are his *g. ochro.* a large species (looking like *g. andrews.* but with apparently yellow fls.) & a small one with a red stem which he calls *g. rubricaulis*. This has dark blue flowers, about the size of *g. pnenon.* - I suppose it is the same plant, also, I may be the same as that in your garden of which I took the fruit - Of course, my specimens are at your service, if you want them - I am not very much pleased at the new turn-up, about the Book - You will be between two fires, & our esteemed friend does not quite take your views, on several points - When he says "a mere Synopsis" he seems to imagine something like a Catge species, but this will not do - They must be well defined, & closely approaching species must be contrasted, briefly but characteristically - This is too much neglected in 'Elementary Floras' - Can't same such remark as this follow the Char. in such Cases? Resembles no. () closely, but differs in the larger more open panicle &c. &c. I should like something of this sort for a title - Field Botany

a Pocket Compendium of the Plants of N. E. & Middle States of Amer. being a guide to the practical botanist, in the Collec. & knowl. of species. I mean something whereby the handsomeness of a Pocket guide would be made to strike students - I think it would be rather newer, & more taking than your more usual sort of title.

his lively hopes of my recovery - I mean to let him know
 one per cent a fortnight more when I shall start for
 Dantz: if able to do so - Having filled my paper, I take
 a large piece (minutes from your lecture) for a
 spare only further to facilitate your with kind regards
 Yours truly W. W. Phelps.

Letter received since the
 within was written - shall be
 attended to -

collected & forwarded

Miss (day)

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Look at Deane's (Kelsey) statement - I cannot agree to merge
 this with R. Brown. & D. Brown. - You have lots of it, I'll bet
 not run into the latter, at all - (Neither does your book was
 want the interesting R. Brown in the new Book. It is a Southern
 Western prob - I also had plenty of it, but never from
 N. E. or the middle States! If you are confirmed of the
 Houghton the matter, I protest, & appeal to C. A. B. & the day
 the ground - of course very false, the 'Gleaner' still above